

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (New): A fixing system for fixing a panel of fragile material to a bearing structure, comprising:

at least one point fastener configured to engage with at least one first contact region produced in the panel,

wherein said point fastener comprises a first anchoring part at a first contact region and a second anchoring part at a second contact region situated on the panel, the first and second anchoring parts being connected by at least one adjusting device configured to bring the first and second anchoring parts to bear against the first and second contact regions respectively and being situated in a plane of the panel.

Claim 27 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the second contact region is situated on an edge face of the panel.

Claim 28 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the second contact region is situated on a side of the panel.

Claim 29 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the second contact region is situated on the bearing structure.

Claim 30 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is produced within a blind orifice.

Claim 31 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is produced within an open orifice.

Claim 32 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is produced within a cut-out.

Claim 33 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is produced using a number of raised regions.

Claim 34 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is produced by pinching.

Claim 35 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the first and second contact regions are positioned on two respective adjacent sides of the panel.

Claim 36 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 35, wherein the first and second contact regions are positioned one on each side of an axis of symmetry of the panel.

Claim 37 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the fixing system comprises two point fasteners each positioned on each side of a mid-plane roughly parallel to the panel, the mid-plane also being roughly perpendicular to the first and second contact regions.

Claim 38 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, further comprising a rigid interlayer positioned between one of the first and second contact regions and one of the first or second anchoring parts.

Claim 39 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the adjusting device comprises a tensioning device.

Claim 40 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the tensioning device comprises a screw-nut device.

Claim 41 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the adjusting device comprises a torque-limiting device.

Claim 42 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 38, wherein the rigid interlayer comprises a rigid interlayer element and an adhesive material, the rigid interlayer element contributing to dimensional stability by reacting forces while the adhesive material allows an adhesive bond to be achieved.

Claim 43 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 42, wherein the interlayer element is made of a material with a Shore D hardness of the order of at least 70 to 75.

Claim 44 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 43, wherein the material of which the interlayer element is made is chosen from transparent materials of polycarbonate or hard silicone that do not adversely affect esthetics.

Claim 45 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 42, wherein the adhesive material has a Shore A hardness of the order of 30 to 35 and is chosen from silicone adhesives.

Claim 46 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claim 42, wherein the interlayer element is arranged along an axis of a mid-plane of the panel.

Claim 47 (New): The fixing system as claimed in claims 26, wherein one of the first or second contact regions is fitted with a ferrule, having the point fasteners passing through it.

Claim 48 (New): The Application of a fixing system as claimed in claim 26 to production of a screen or facade made of panels of fragile material.

Claim 49 (New): Application as claimed claim 48, wherein the panels are vertical or inclined to a vertical.

Claim 50 (New): Application of a fixing system as claimed in claim 26 to making a connection between at least two panels configured to move relative to one another.